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| 8th Grade Social Studies  Mr. Echevarría |  | Teacher: Mr. Echevarría E-Mail: mechevarria@crec.org  Website: psa8.wikispaces.com Team Meeting -11:58 – 1:21 (A)  Soc. Stud. Planning: 9:17 - 10:17 (B) |
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| Overview of the Class The 8th grade Social Studies curriculum includes a study of American history. It covers from the Exploration of the New World to the Civil War. The following are the five units we will be studying. Units of Study  * Discovering America and Colonization * The American Revolution * Forming a More Perfect Union * A More Perfect Union * Two American Identities   We will also be working on grammar and writing skills.   * Editing and Revising/DRP Cloze * Document Based Questions (DBQ’s) * The Writing Process: Brainstorming, Pre-planning, Drafting, Editing, Revising, Publish, and Share/Present. 🡪 Persuasive and Argumentative Writing  Materials The following will be some of the materials that you will need in class, at home, for reports, and projects:   * A notebook (1 per quarter) or a single five subject Social Studies notebook. * A two pocket folder * A flash drive/USB drive * Scissors, glue stick, ruler, colored pencils. For projects you may need additional materials.   The textbook for this class is called *America: Pathways to the Present.* Technology GoalsDuring Social Studies, we will be learning how to use some Web 2.0 tools and websites to showcase and present what we are learning in class.Grades Homework……………..…………………………………………………………………………………10%  Notebook/Current Events……………………………...……………………………………………….20%  Do Now/Classwork……………………………………………………………………………………..20%  Quizzes and Writing Prompts…………………………………………………………………………..20%  Unit Performance Tasks…....……………………………………………………………………………20%  Participation………………...……………………………………………………………………………10% |  |  |
| Homework Policy 1. For Full Credit on homework you must meet each condition below.   * It must be turned in on time. On time is when I walk around the room at the beginning of the period. Your homework is out with your agenda ready for me to check. * All directions must be followed. * It must all be completed. * It must be neat and legible. * Use complete sentences in TTQA form unless told not to.   2. As an 8th grader, there is an expectation that work will be turned in on time.   * A zero will be assigned if the homework policy is not followed. * If turned in the next class day, you may receive half credit. * You are responsible for making sure you hand in any missing assignments. * Repeat offenses of not completing homework will result in a consequence.  Classroom Expectations – The 5 P’s The following expectations will be included as part of your participation grade. You are solely responsible for meeting these expectations and will result in achieving a successful year in Social Studies.   1. Come to class on time, sit in your seat, take out your agenda with your homework, and quietly attempt the Do Now (Prompt). 2. Always show respect for everyone in the class. Including not speaking when someone else is speaking and keeping your hands, feet and objects to yourself (Polite). 3. Come prepared with your notebook, pencil, homework, etc.(Prepared) 4. No food or drinks. Capped water that is spill proof is o.k. 5. No electronics except the laptops, student response systems, and iPads provided for a lesson. 6. Restroom needs should be taken care of in homeroom and at lunch time. 7. Stay on task, have a positive attitude, and do the best you can (Productive and Positive). |  |  |